

BIGFORK FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2023

5:30pm

Trustees: Dan Elwell, Gary Wilson, Robert Borges, Seth Price, Andrew Sliter (17:37)

Absent Trustees:

Guests: Chief-Jeremy Patton, Cindy Norred, Alan Browne, Morgunn Ewing, Cameron Bradley, Morgan Angelucci-Read, Allen Benitez

*Meeting was recorded

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** at 17:30
2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** * There was no general public comment.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Agenda as Presented
 - B. Approval of Purchase Orders:
 - C. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 28th, 2023 as Presented.
 - D. Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid as Presented-For March 2023.

A motion to accept the consent agenda A, B, C, D, Wilson (1st) Borges (2nd), no comments, all in favor, none opposed. *See green sheet for details of each line item.

4. **ITEMS FOR REPORT**
 - A. **Fire Chief's Report** * See attached report from Chief Jeremy Patton
The Friends of Bigfork Fire district received a \$10,000 donation from Roundup for Safety and they will be purchasing new rope rescue equipment totaling approximately \$13,300 for the district.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS****See green sheet for details of each line item.
 - A. **Apparatus Update – New Engine and Tender:** The district is currently waiting for an estimate from Heiman Fire about rebuilding T392. Sent a reminder email with no response from Chief Patton. Borges explained no one wants to do it. Chief Patton stated ISO does not care about age, only testing and pumping. NFPA has the 10, 20, 30-year marks for apparatus. Tabled till next meeting, need to find company to do or say no it as soon as possible.

There was a discussion on the contract for a new engine. Move to communicate with Brinlee that we will propose to them similar terms as original provide within the contract, extending our option for deposit refund for additional 90 days. From date previously stated, Sliter (1st) Price (2nd), no comments, all in favor, none opposed

B. Finance Committee Update: There was no update per Wilson.

6. **Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3):** Board went to close session at 17:57 for Fire Evaluation along with Chief Jeremy Patton.

7. **Reconvene into Open Session:** Board back from close session at 18:52

8. **NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS***See green sheet for details of each line item.

A. Health Insurance Update and Renewal: The district received new rates from Pacific Source. The cost of the plan went up 10.22%. The district did receive some comparison quotes which cost more than the current plan. The chief recommends sticking with the current Pacific Source plan.

A motion to continue with our renewal, Price (1st) Borges (2nd), no comments, all in favor, none opposed.

B. Performance Reviews Discussion: Elwell stated doing an amazing job, department is in good shape, appreciates all the Chief's hard work, couldn't do it without his team.

9. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** * There was no general public comment. The board further discussed the tender truck, general specs, questions on custom built chassis, action item on the tender for a new meeting.

10. **Motion to Adjourn:** at 19:02 , Sliter (1st), Price(2nd), no comments, all in favor, none opposed.

Minutes Approved:

 , Trustee.

 Recorder

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"GREEN SHEET"

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Apparatus Update – New Engine and Tender:** We are currently waiting for an estimate from Heiman Fire about rebuilding T392.

I have not received any update on the engine from Brindlee Mountain. They have reached out to Timberline Fire (the Colorado fire department that is selling it) and have not heard back from them as of Monday, April 24, 2023. I did receive an email from Brinlee's shop requesting information on lettering and decals.

- B. **Finance Committee Update**

- 2. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Health Insurance Update and Renewal:** We have received our new rates. The cost of the plan went up 10.22%. We did receive comparison quotes from two other companies. Our current provider, Pacific Source, was still the best price for the same level of coverage. If the Board agrees to continue with Pacific Source, approval is needed.

- B. **Performance Reviews Discussion**

BIGFORK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Originated by District Board / Patten

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Chief _____ Date _____
Trustee DE Date 4/25/23